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1. In 1951 a new barracks was built at the south edge of Karcag Village. It is at the intersection of the Püspökladány-Karcag road and railroad, about 800 m from the railroad station. It can take 1,500 men.
2. It now holds a rifle regiment belonging to the division at Nyíregyháza. The men wear green shoulder boards and belong to the active classes. Regimental troops include: a reconnaissance company, armed with machine pistols; a communications company; a mortar company with four 120 mm and four 82 mm mortars; an AT company with four 57 mm and four 45 mm guns; an AA machine gun company with 12 machine guns; an accompanying battery with four 76.2 mm guns. It has three normal rifle battalions, with companies of 90 to 100 men.
3. Administratively attached to the regiment is a course for sharpshooters. There are about 110 men, all equipped with sniper rifles with telescopic sights.
4. The regiment is supposed to be motorized, but its equipment is not yet complete. It now has 85 to 88 autos, more than half of them old.
5. During the summer of 1953 the regiment was in a training camp east of Szeged, near the Yugoslav border.

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